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1. FERDINAND MAYRHOFFER-GRUNBUHEL, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF THE DEMARCHE MADE TO EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AHMED AND MAYRHOFFER BY SOVIET AMBASSADORS TROYANOVSKY AND MAKEYEV AT 5 P.M. APRIL 10. MAYRHOFFER READ FROM NOTES HE TOOK DURING THE MEETING. THE SOVIETS DID NOT LEAVE A WRITTEN MESSAGE.

2. TROYANOVSKY SAID HE HAD A MESSAGE FROM HIS GOVERNMENT. HE SAID THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO BE TRANSMITTING THE SAME MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL THROUGH THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN DUBLIN. (MAYRHOFFER INTERJECTED THAT IN DUBLIN THE MESSAGE WAS STYLED AS COMING FROM GROMYKO, BUT OTHERWISE WAS IDENTICAL TO THAT DELIVERED IN NEW YORK.)

3. AS THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS AWARE, SHEVCHENKO DISAPPEARED A FEW DAYS AGO IN NEW YORK. FROM THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONTACTS WITH SHEVCHENKO -- CONTACTS WHICH WERE THE RESULT OF STRONG PRESSURE ON
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THE U.S. GOVERNMENT -- IT IS CLEAR THAT THE U.S., WITH ITS SPECIAL SERVICES DIRECTLY INVOLVED, STAGED A DELIBERATE PROVOCATION. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT THE SPECIAL SERVICES ARE PUTTING PRESSURE ON SHEVCHENKO. AS A RESULT, THERE IS FIRM CAUSE FOR DOUBTS AS TO HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL STATE. THE INCIDENT WILL HAVE SERIOUS POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES, INCLUDING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL

AUTHORITY OF THE UN. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT ADDRESSES AN URGENT REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO INVOLVE HIMSELF PERSONALLY AND TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS, INCLUDING THOSE THAT MIGHT INFLUENCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SO SHEVCHENKO MAY BE RETURNED FORTHWITH TO THE SOVIET UNION.

4. MAYRHOFFER OBSERVED AS A PERSONAL NOTE THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL OF THE REQUESTS OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT UP TO THIS POINT, INCLUDING THE REQUEST THAT HE CONTACT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO INQUIRE ABOUT SHEVCHENKO'S WHEREABOUTS AND THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES BE GIVEN ACCESS TO SHEVCHENKO. BEYOND INFORMING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OF THIS LATEST APPROACH, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, HOWEVER, MAYRHOFFER FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS INFLUENCING THE U.S. TO PERMIT SHEVCHENKO'S RETURN TO THE SOVIET UNION. YOUNG

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